

**Middletown, Rhode Island**

**Thursday, November 29, 2012**

**Michael S. Pinto Conference Room**

**7:00 p.m. - Regular School Committee Meeting**

**Members Present:**

**Theresa Spengler, Chairman**

**Liana Fenton, Vice-Chairman**

**Kellie DiPalma**

**Paul Mankofsky**

**William O'Connell**

**Also Present:**

**Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Superintendent of Schools**

**Linda Savastano, Assistant Superintendent**

**Raquel Pellerin, Business Manager**

**Edward Collins, Director of Facilities**

**The Regular School Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:04**

**p.m. Administrative staff member present were Michael Mancieri, Gail Abromitis, Linda Beaupre, and Michelle Fonseca.**

**This was an organizational meeting. As Clerk of the School Committee, Mrs. Kraeger requested nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Middletown School Committee.**

**Mr. William O'Connell nominated Mrs. Theresa Spengler.**

**Mrs. Liana Fenton seconded the motion.**

**No other nominations were made.**

**MOTION: 1) William O'Connell, 2) Liana Fenton. To close nominations for School Committee Chairman. Unanimous vote.**

**With the nominations closed, the Clerk cast one ballot for Mrs. Theresa Spengler as Chairman of the Middletown School Committee.**

**Mrs. Kraeger turned the meeting over to Mrs. Spengler. Mrs. Spengler thanked all for their support. She suggested establishing a Finance Committee to work with the Town Council and outline other goals for the School Committee.**

**Mrs. Spengler called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Middletown School Committee.**

**Mrs. Liana Fenton nominated Miss Kellie DiPalma.**

**Mrs. Theresa Spengler seconded the motion.**

**Mr. Paul Mankofsky nominated Mr. William O'Connell.**

**Mr. William O'Connell seconded the motion.**

**MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Kellie DiPalma. To close the nominations for Vice-Chairperson.**

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**YEA – Kellie DiPalma NAY – William O’Connell**

**Liana Fenton Paul Mankofsky**

**Theresa Spengler**

**Miss DiPalma was elected Vice-Chair of the School Committee.**

**Mrs. Spengler called for nominations for Clerk of the School Committee.**

**Mr. William O’Connell nominated Mrs. Rosemarie Kraeger.**

**Mrs. Liana Fenton seconded the motion.**

**No other nominations were made.**

**Mrs. Spengler cast one ballot for Mrs. Kraeger to continue as Clerk of the School Committee.**

## **SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING**

**No “Spotlight on Teaching and Learning” for November 29, 2012.**

## **PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS**

**No “Proclamations/Awards” for November 29, 2012.**

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**No “Student Activities” for November 29, 2012.**

## **INFORMATION**

**Mrs. Kraeger noted the following items of information:**

- **“Got Blue” Athletic Boosters apparel order form.**
- **Information on National School Board Association National Conference to be held in San Diego in April 2013. Mrs. Kraeger encouraged all to attend.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**No “Correspondence” for November 29, 2012.**

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## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION: 1)William O'Connell, 2) Paul Mankofsky. To approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Number 1350. Unanimous vote.**

**1000. Approval of Minutes of October 18, 2012 School Committee Meeting**

**1100. Approval of Invoice Register, dated October 4, 2012, in the amount of \$64.00**

**1110. Approval of Invoice Register, dated October 5, 2012, in the amount of \$25,427.37**

**1120. Approval of Invoice Register, dated October 9, 2012, in the amount of \$8,181.58**

**1130. Approval of Invoice Register, dated October 9, 2012, in the amount of \$3,381.40**

**1140. Approval of Invoice Register, dated October 10, 2012, in the amount of \$3,585.60**

**1150. Approval of Invoice Register, dated October 10, 2012, in the amount of \$566.50**

- 1160. Approval of Invoice Register, dated October 11, 2012, in the amount of \$330.00**
- 1170. Approval of Invoice Register, dated October 12, 2012, in the amount of \$244.61**
- 1180. Approval of Invoice Register, dated October 12, 2012, in the amount of \$11,797.22**
- 1190. Approval of Invoice Register, dated October 12, 2012, in the amount of \$1,096.89**
- 1200. Approval of Invoice Register, dated October 15, 2012, in the amount of \$103,783.94**
- 1210. Approval of Invoice Register, dated October 16, 2012, in the amount of \$375.00**
- 1220. Approval of Invoice Register, dated October 18, 2012, in the amount of \$5,406.23**
- 1230. Approval of Invoice Register, dated October 23, 2012, in the amount of \$227,898.66**
- 1240. Approval of Invoice Register, dated October 25, 2012, in the amount of \$849.92**
- 1240. Approval of Invoice Register, dated November 2, 2012, in the amount of \$13,098.87**
- 1250. Approval of Invoice Register, dated November 2, 2012, in the amount of \$375.25**
- 1260. Approval of Invoice Register, dated November 5, 2012, in the amount of \$117.00**
- 1270. Approval of Invoice Register, dated November 5, 2012, in the amount of \$500.00**

- 1280. Approval of Invoice Register, dated November 5, 2012, in the amount of \$459.90**
- 1290. Approval of Invoice Register, dated November 5, 2012, in the amount of \$699.38**
- 1300. Approval of Invoice Register, dated November 6, 2012, in the amount of \$1,146.00**
- 1310. Approval of Invoice Register, dated November 6, 2012, in the amount of \$5,428.29**
- 1320. Approval of Invoice Register, dated November 7, 2012, in the amount of \$122,619.65**
- 1330. Approval of Invoice Register, dated November 8, 2012, in the amount of \$1,401.62**
- 1340. Approval of Invoice Register, dated November 9, 2012, in the amount of \$20,646.54**
- 1360. Approval of Invoice Register, dated November 14, 2012, in the amount of \$1,934.80**
- 1370. Approval of Invoice Register, dated November 14, 2012, in the amount of \$250.85**
- 1380. Approval of Invoice Register, dated November 14, 2012, in the amount of \$20,493.00**
- 1390. Approval of Invoice Register, dated November 14, 2012, in the amount of \$4,518.42**
- 1400. Superintendent's Recommendation on Personnel**

**There was a request for clarification of item 1350, "Approval of Invoice Register, dated November 13, 2012, in the amount of**

**\$46,051.98. This number was broken down to art supplies, textbooks, dues and fees for athletics, and school nurse supplies. Mr. Mankofsky that this information broken down each month.**

**MOTION: 1) William O'Connell, 2) Paul Mankofsky. To approve Consent Agenda item number 1350. Unanimous vote.**

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## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON PERSONNEL**

### **APPOINTMENTS AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2012**

**Dale Oakes Bus Monitor**

**Mary Maitland Bus Monitor**

### **APPOINTMENT AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2012**

**Richard Sweetman Head Content Teacher Science 9-12**

**Deanne Reilly District Intervention Coordinator**

**Karen Potter District/School Office Support Personnel**

### **ADVISOR APPOINTMENTS AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2012**

**Philip Statser Co-Advisor, National Honor Society**



**Pamela Souza Co-Advisor, National Honor Society**

**APPOINTMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 3, 2012**

**Kyree Burrows Full-Time Custodian (Second Shift) Middletown High School**

**FROM .8 TO FULL-TIME AS OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2012**

**Amy Kalif Spanish Teacher, Middletown High School**

**RESIGNATION AS OF OCTOBER 19, 2012**

**Joseph Weiss Bus Monitor**

**WINTER COACHING APPOINTMENTS AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2012**

**Scott Whitman Freshman Basketball**

**Raleigh Brennan Boys' Assistant Varsity Basketball**

**Andrew Bulk Varsity Wrestling**

**Jessica Daniels Competition Cheerleading**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. To approve the Superintendent's Recommendation on Personnel. Unanimous vote.**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **DISTRICT/SCHOOL OFFICE SUPPORT PERSONNEL – 1st READING**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the District/School Office Support Personnel Policy – 1st Reading. Unanimous vote.**

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### **ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST PROCEDURE – 1st READING**

**MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. That the School Committee approve the Access to Public Records Request Procedure – 1st Reading. Unanimous vote.**

### **2013 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the School Committee Meeting dates for 2013. Unanimous vote.**

**The following dates have been approved**

**Thursday, January 17, 2013**

**Thursday, February 28, 2013**

**Thursday, March 21, 2013 .**

**Thursday, April 25, 2013**

**Thursday, May 16, 2013**

**Thursday, June 20, 2013**

**Thursday, July 18, 2013**

**Thursday, August 15, 2013**

**Thursday, September 19, 2013**

**Thursday, October 17, 2013**

**Thursday, November 21, 2013**

**Thursday, December 19, 2013**

## **SUBCOMMITTEES**

**MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. That the School Committee Chairman appoint School Committee Members to the following committees. Unanimous vote.**

**•Budget Sub-Committee – Theresa Spengler, Paul Mankofsky, Liana Fenton (Alternate)**

**•Career Technical Center Committee – Liana Fenton, William O’Connell**

**•Policy Committee – Liana Fenton, Theresa Spengler**

**•John Clark Scholarship Committee – Kellie DiPalma, Liana Fenton**

**•Sick Bank Committee (Certified) – Theresa Spengler, William**

**O'Connell**

- Sick Bank Committee (Council 94) – Kellie DiPalma, William O'Connell**
- Health and Wellness Advisory Committee – Kellie DiPalma, Liana Fenton (Alternate)**
- Grievance Subcommittee – Theresa Spengler, William O'Connell, Kellie DiPalma**
- Facilities Advisory Committee – Theresa Spengler, Paul Mankofsky**
- Business Partnerships – Liana Fenton, William O'Connell (Alternate)**
- Safety Advisory Committee – William O'Connell, Kellie DiPalma (Alternate)**
- East Bay Educational Collaborative – Rosemarie Kraeger, William O'Connell (Alternate)**
- Audit Committee – Theresa Spengler, Paul Mankofsky, Liana Fenton (Alternate)**
- Finance Committee – Paul Mankofsky**

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## **BID AWARD**

**MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. That the School Committee table the motion to award the Elevator/Lift Service Bid.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**\*Alumni Association – A meeting is being held tonight. Students are scanning all old yearbooks, creating class lists, and beginning fundraising. Hopefully there will be a scholarship for this graduating class.**

**•Reardon Drive – A meeting was held with the Town Administrator, Chief of Police, school administration and a representative of the Reardon Drive resident. Many issues were resolved. The area will continue to be monitored. The police have taken a more active role. There have been more announcements at MHS.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**No “New Business” for November 29, 2012.**

## **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS**

**\*CURRICULUM – The Status Report contains information that admin would like you to be aware of. Mrs. Savastano reported on curriculum. This year, the Visual Arts Curriculum is in the beginning stage. English Language Arts, Science, and Math are all at a difference phase. We focus on three sets of standards for Social Studies, Rhode Island GSEs, National Center for History in the School Standards, and Common Core State Standards. There is a great deal**

of State reporting at this time of year. There are a number of technology projects in the works, including building access from outside of the network, building teacher and student portals, and upgrading high school website. Mr. Mankofsky discussed the cost of effort for data collection.

•**FINANCIAL** – UCOA data for 2011 is on the R.I. Department of Education website. The 2012 audit fieldwork has been completed and there will be a review on December 14th. A R.I. Department of Education Budget Development Subcommittee has been established. Ms. Pellerin has developed a chart that clearly shows expenditures by month. Mr. Mankofsky proposed that we use this as a basis for discussion each month and it be included on the website.

•**FACILITIES** – Mr. Collins reviewed the monthly usage charts and facilities charts. Currently, 130 different groups from the Town/island use the schools. There was some damage from Hurricane Sandy. The light tower at Gaudet School was snapped during the storm. It needs to be replaced, as well as the other two lights poles. This will cost over \$150,000. Mr. Collins will look into whether AT&T could help replace the light towers since we have a cellular contract with them. Pop

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**Warner and Salve Regina University could help with these efforts. Mr. Collins has not yet heard back about Federal funding. The storm also caused damage to the two dugout roofs at Gaudet and roof shingles at Forest Avenue School. Little League will replace the dugout roofs. The facilities team is currently winterizing the fields and closing up the concession stand.**

**The Varsity football team is playing in the Division III Super Bowl on Sunday. The Athletic Boosters have sent a letter to commit to financially supporting the Freshman basketball team, including transportation, uniforms, and R.I. Interscholastic fees. New varsity basketball uniforms were purchased, not from the athletic boosters, but through other sources secured by the Boosters. Gate receipts from the Thanksgiving football game were outstanding.**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) William O'Connell. That the School Committee receive the Superintendent's Reports. Unanimous vote.**

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

**Mr. Mankofsky and Mrs. Fenton attended a meeting along with 50-60 other attendees from other cities and towns in Rhode Island. The purpose of the meeting was to accelerate the application of the funding formula. Many other communities are in the same position**

**as Middletown.**

**Mrs. Fenton and Miss DiPalma attended a career pathways seminar. The goal of the meeting was to discuss a five-year program for high school students that would earn them an Associates Degree. Student would be able to transfer credits from CCRI.**

**Mrs. Fenton attended an education summit for PK-16. This coincides with what is being done at the State level.**

### **ADJOURN FROM MEETING**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. To adjourn from the School Committee Meeting at 9:00 p.m. Unanimous vote.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk**